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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TANZANIAN VIEWS ON NAMIBIA

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY MET AM MAY 20 WITH BERNARD MUGANDA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. MUGANDA, A TANZANIAN, SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PRIVATE SECRETARY (WHOM MUGANDA DESCRIBED AS "OUR BRZEZINSKI") ABOUT NYERERE'S CURRENT VIEWS ON NAMIBIA. MUGANDA REPORTED THAT NYERERE CONTINUES TO BE FED UP WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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NUJOMA'S "DILLY-DALLYING" AND HAD EVEN CONSIDERED, PRIOR TO THE CASSINGA RAID, MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT URGING NUJOMA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL.

2. NYERERE REPORTEDLY WOULD WELCOME AND ATTEND A FRONT-LINE SUMMIT IN LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND (MAY 27/28) BUT WOULD NOT INITIATE A CALL FOR SUCH A MEETING. ACCORDING

TO MUGANDA, THE TANZANIANS WOULD EXPECT A SUMMIT TO:

(A) PRESSURE NUJOMA TO NEGOTIATE FLEXIBLY AND SPEEDILY TO ELIMINATE THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO A SETTLEMENT; AND (B) EXERT PRESSURE ON THE FIVE TO TAKE "POSITIVE STEPS" TO REMOVE THOSE SAME OBSTACLES. MUGANDA SUGGESTED THAT THE REMAINING ISSUES ARE POLITICALLY BUT NOT SUBSTANTIVELY DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE FIVE'S VIEW THAT "WALVIS BAY MUST BE PART OF NAMIBIA" AND DID NOT IMPLY THAT ALTERATIONS IN THE PROPOSAL ITSELF WOULD NECESSARILY BE NEEDED.

- 3. MUGANDA THEN ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF SHIPANGA'S RELEASE. HE SAID THAT SOME OF SHIPANGA'S DETAINED COLLEAGUES WOULD BE RELEASED IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO BUT THAT SHIPANGA HIMSELF WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN HELD UNTIL SWAPO ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.
- 4. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT A GENERALIZED CALL FOR SWAPO "FLEXIBILITY" WAS NOT LIKELY TO GET VERY FAR. ANY FRONTLINE MEETING SHOULD BE DECISIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL AND NOT BE LEFT TO VAGUE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWAPO. YOUNG

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